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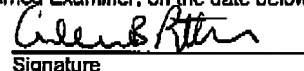
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In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 4, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0029.Y1/WBP, the fee of \$86.00 for 1 additional claim, and for any other fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.